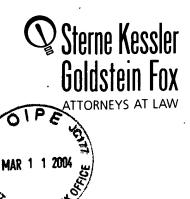
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Re:

U.S. Utility Patent Application

Application No. 09/869,565; Filed: October 17, 2001

For: PTH Receptor and Screening Assay Utilizing the Same

Inventors: Gardella et al.

Our Ref: 0609.4730000/LBB/M-G

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

- 1. Preliminary Amendment and Reply to Restriction Requirement;
- 2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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